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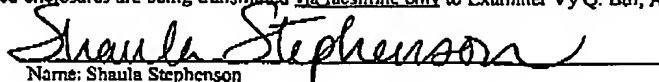
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Serial No.	10/671,764	Group Art Unit:	3731
Filed:	September 26, 2003	Docket No.	58934-010300
Title:	TUNNEL PORT APPARATUS WITH SERIAL GAS-CHECK ASSEMBLY		

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REQUEST FOR STATUS OF APPLICATION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Applicant respectfully requests that the United States Patent and Trademark Office provide him with the status of this application. The application was filed on September 26, 2003 and to date we have not received the first Office Action.

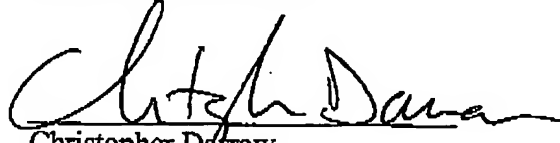
The Applicant wishes to point out to the USPTO that the Patent Technology Centers Notice page on the PTO web site states that Office Actions are currently issued on applications filed in August 2003. This application was filed in September 2003 and Applicant hopes to receive a first Action shortly.

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Should any questions or matters remain, which the Examiner believes could be resolved in a telephone interview, the Examiner is requested to telephone the Applicant's undersigned attorney.

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